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The weather today will be threat-
ening; cold; and snow.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.
None should conclude because public
attention has been diverted for the
time being from THE Herald Relief
Fund, that it has been exhausted, nor
that the good work has been ended.
So long as applications were made
relief was extended and the reason
that the subject has not been alluded
to from day to day is because all cases
called to the notice of Mr. Frye have
been relieved and there is at present
in store, enough to meet any emergency
that may arise. Added to the press-
ing work incident to his church
duties, a revival has been in
progress and what with his un-
selfish devotion to the cause of
the poor, Mr. Frye has been worked
beyond the limit of endurance; still he
is on hand to hear the complaints and
answer the calls of the distressed. So
far as THE Herald has been able to do
so it has aided in the worthy enterprises.
The only reward it hopes for it already
has—the consciousness of having aided
in driving hunger from the homes of
starving children and in clothing their
nakedness. To the dear friends of
humanity who have proved their loyalty
and charity, THE Herald returns
the thanks of the sick and destitute to
whose happiness they contributed, as
well the thanks of the Rev. Mr. Frye,
its own gratitude and the benediction
of all the truly benevolent. Unless the
demand shall be pressing no further
appeals will be made.

DR. WENDT'S DISCOVERY.
Dr. Wendt, a German scholar of pro-
found learning, recently arrived at
the conclusion that the gospel of St.
John is not the product of one brain,
but that at least two persons con-
tributed to it. The learned doctor has
discovered that the discourses contained
in the book are from one source,
and the narrative portions from another.
It is the object of Dr. Wendt to
distract from the beauty, dignity, and
work of the gospel by putting forth
this claim of non-homogeneity—a
claim which is so often made by Ger-
man doctors of profound learning con-
cerning the books of the Bible—he adds
another attribute, that of a wonderful
genius for compilation, to the already
large number of great attributes of the
Hebrews of old. And yet it is strange
that the man who wrote the books that
have transformed the world, should
have been compiler, while the original-
ity of other men is not questioned.
Just why Dr. Wendt ignores the fact
that St. John himself gives the credit
of the discourse to the great teacher is
hard to understand. Deep are the mys-
teries of German critical analyses of
all that is literary.

HILL HERTZ HICCOCK.
David B. Hill, the senator-governor,
has been a member of the United States
Senate nearly one year. His salary
has been drawn with great regularity,
but beyond this little can be said as to
Senator Hill's senatorial career so far.
Some legislative person, it seems, has
been keeping tally on the senator and
it appears that he has in all been in
attendance in the city of Washington
but nine days in all and only a part of
this time has he been in the Senate
chamber. A prominent exhibition of
Hill's check was made in the Senate a
few days since. It seems that Hill
utterly ignoring Senator Hiccock, his
republican colleague, opposed the latter's
selection of a postmaster at Elmira, simply because that person was
"non person grata", and after securing
a postponement of the consideration
of the case by the Senate in executive
session, went away. After a number
of more postponements caused by vari-
ous democratic senators on behalf of
Mr. Hill, Mr. Hiccock finally con-
cluded that "senatorial courtesy" had
been stretched a little too far, and,
notifying Hill's friends that the condi-
tions were somewhat different from those in New York, he insisted
upon the prompt confirmation of his
man which at once resulted. Hill will
not return to Washington, it is said,
until after his mid-winter vacation.

INDEPENDENT SOCIETY.

Last evening the heavens were lighted
up with a crimson glow that extended
over the city from east to west in
broken veins of splendor. The inci-
mination of the Aurora Borealis, for
such it was, attracted very general at-
tention upon the skies, and many sur-
prised observations of the light and
fear were made. One of the most numerous
of the day and forth, in a recent article,
he held that the year 1909 will witness
one of the most remarkable events of
all history. This belief he bases upon
the present social position, and many
other "signs of the times." Among
these are the movements of Ireland and

Yours, which occurred February 6, he
considers as bearing great importance
to the second advent of Christ, and
states plainly that the conjunctions of
the planets have always corresponded
with terrestrial events and that they always will. As a
proof he cites the conjunction of Mars,
Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn
in 1226, when the Waldensian prophet-
ess, the real beginning of the reformation
was at its height. A lesser "year
of ours," (264 years) from that time
would have come in 1882, in which year
Martin Luther was translating the bible.
From that year forward a solar "year
of ours," (264 years) would take us to
1909, which time, he predicts, will see
great events and changes. The man-
agement in this century of the "Star
of Bethlehem" has a deep significance
the professor thinks, having
always before him attended with some important event. Its last
appearance was in 1872, and as it is
believed to appear in alternate periods
of about 268 and 219 years, it may be
looked for at any time now. The
phenomena of the heavens have always
excited the imaginations of the ignorant
and superstitious, but to say that only
can find any significance in sidereal
phenomena is too broad an assertion.
Many religious sects are founded upon
them, and scientific men are beginning
to turn their faces towards the lost art
of the astrology of Daniel and Joseph.
It is hard to reconcile how the Christian
can believe his Bible and yet smear
at these signs of the heaven.

HATS OFF TO THE BOYZ.

There is nothing on earth more in-
tensely aggravating than the assumption
of officiousness on the part of
underlings. The lower the office or the
more menial the position, the more un-
important is its occupant, and the manner
that such persons assume upon the
slightest occasion for displaying their
official capacity never fails to be offen-
sive. The cold, icy stare with which
the employee in some office greet an
ordinary question from a visitor rouses
in their visitor a desire either to kick
the offender or apologize to him for
being in existence. The evident bore
that it is for small-pay clerks to be
insured for the customer a wave of
hot indignation,—and for the clerk a
contumacious of the low salary. None
can be more unbearably insolent than
a new policeman, and no one is more
fond of showing his authority. Book
clerks, too, have a way of making peo-
ple feel uncomfortable. The tech-
nicalities of the banking business are so
mysterious to the average man
or woman and so simple to the clerk
that he generally shows that he thinks
an idiot at the second or third question.
But of all classes and conditions of men,
the colored porter of a sleeping car
stands at the head in his estimate of his
official importance. The ordinary
traveler would rather die than address
him without first paying for the privi-
lege. This spirit, so commonly met
with, may be only a phase of human
nature, but it is such an objectionable
one that every effort should be made to
suppress it.

**ANXIOPRO A decidedly uncompli-
mentary burlesque on the cheery fea-
tures of Lewis E. Stunt, president of
the Press club, a Detroit newspaper
prints a story that he is about to join a
New York journalist and capitalist in
the purchase of one or more of Det-
roit's newspaper wrecks. When "Low"
buys a newspaper it will not be a bank-
rupt one, nor will it be issued in Det-
roit. Grand Rapids is good enough for
him.**

**SENATOR STANFORD has distinguished
himself by submitting a bill in the
Senate, which the Herald's Washington
correspondent takes to be the very
essence of imbecility. Rich men are
not always wise, and although Stanford
has done very much for education and
the breeding of fine horses he has still
something to learn in the art of legisla-
tion.**

It has been judicially decided that
to call a lawyer a "shyster" is libelous.
Soon the courts will turnaround and de-
clare that it is also libelous to call a
"shyster" a lawyer. When this is done
what will the reporters do to get even
on scope?

**THE statements made in another
column by the Rev. Frank Russell in
regard to the each-man-for-himself spirit
in modern religion are worthy of
the most careful consideration by every
student of religion or sociology.**

**WREN A gang of moonshiners in the
teal and the bourbon iniquity, the
Miner bill, in the courts there is yet
hope that Michigan will compare not
unfavorably with some of the demo-
cratic border states.**

**CLEVELAND is to have an art gallery
costing \$2,000,000, the result of bequests
for that purpose. Grand Rapids has a
few millionaires that could win
dying fame by some act of this char-
acter.**

**SULLIVAN says the statement that he
is to fight Maher is "a bloody lie made
out of whole cloth." As a figure of
speech that statement is worthy of
preservation.**

**GROVER may not be so shrewd as
Dave, but he is altogether too shrewd
to nibble at a life insurance hook when
there is presidential bait in sight.**

**SCAVENORS have now proved that the
Atlantic ocean is six and one-half feet
higher than the Pacific. Another
victory for the off-shore east.**

**OKLAHOMA CITY city has had a kil-
ometer, and it was conducted by a Mich-
igan girl. Michigan girls are great civ-
ilizing institutions.**

**In another column the announce-
ment is made that "a Sunday school
will give a dance." Waiters are we-
stitching.**

WITH GAY AND FAIR

**Another Week in the Busy Circle
of Society.**

LEAP YEAR AND 178 BALLS

**Our Wedding—West Reception—Time
in Paris on Where and How the
Glad News Was Sped.**

Valentine's day and leap year! What a
delightful combination and what
delightful possibilities it suggests. However
sky the maiden she can gently
remind the desired cavalier in a delicate
and modest way that the tender
resources of her heart are open to him.
May, more, she can put upon snowy
paper a proposal of marriage for all the
guys agree that this is her privilege and
modest reserve is not at all violated
by what would be a serious breach
of custom at any other time. It is not
generally believed that the ladies avail
themselves of the full privileges
accorded them by the season and per-
haps they do not but certain it is the
custom of sending valentines has been
generally observed during the last few
days. Fortunately, perhaps, for the
confirmed bachelors all valentines are
not love tokens. Many send messages
of friendship and as such they are
received. None of the most artistic
and beautiful creations of the moment
are of the latter class and they furnish,
indeed, a most pretty mode of conveying
the sentiments of friendship. There is another class, the so-called
comic valentine which is still used by
people of low and weak intellect, but
it has an element of black-mischief in
it which precludes its use among people
of refinement and education.

'Tis a Fair Blossom.

The typical southern ball, what a
dream of fair women and noble gentle-
men. The southern ball as it was
before the war is being revived and
danced over again by the stately daugh-
ters and sons of the sunny south. Grace,
beauty and fashion are predominant
and no more beautiful picture ever
greeted the eye than is painted on the
canvass of the southern ball room. The
period of poverty and distress comes
again upon the rebellion is passing and the
flower of the south has again
opened its petals to the soft, sweet
caress of the gay sphyri. That it may
blow in麝香 and refresh itself
in the reviving duo of life is the hope
of all those who have seen its fair bud-

STOCKWELL-KRISTY.

**A Pretty Wedding Ceremony at the
Home of the Bride.**

One of the prettiest weddings of the
season was witnessed Wednesday night
at the residence of Mrs. E. Ernest, No.
237 East street. It was the marriage
of her daughter, Miss Minnie Edith Ernest
and Edgar Eugene Stockwell of San
Francisco, Cal. The ceremony was
performed at 8:30 o'clock by the Rev.
Dr. Charles Fisher in the presence of
about thirty friends and relatives of the
couple were in attendance and the
musical performance by Wallenstein's or-
chestra was simply entrancing. The
grand march which was formed at 9
o'clock was led by Mr. C. F. Long and
Miss Daisy Pearl followed by Mr. Will
Cory and Aggie White and Mr. Charles
Hudson and Miss Gubel. The grand
march was of a new, intricate and
extremely novel character and was the
subject of much flattering comment.
The ladies called for their fair changes
and adorned to the hall and took
the initiative at every number. Per-
haps for the first time some of the gen-
tlemen experienced, to the tell, the
arduous feelings of the lonely wall flower,
though to the credit of the ladies it
may be said that they distributed their
favours generously. None of the gen-
tlemen were permitted to walk upon
themselves, their fair escorts seeming
to anticipate their every wish. The
dance continued until 2 a. m., and just
before the lights were out, Mr. Greenleaf
invited the ladies and their guests a
sleigh ride to Jennington, the date be-
ing set for Tuesday evening. The ladies
will be served at the hotel and music
will be provided for dancing. The gen-
tlemen consider themselves very for-
tunate in being included in the party
for they realize that the ladies are royal
entertainers. The ladies may be said
to have given the gentlemen pointers
on social entertainment.

BENEFIT FOR A FRIEND.

**Miss Lena Bridgeman Helps a Little
Friend in Need.**

WITNESS A STUPID CLUE.

**That Is How Pedro Players Were Wel-
comed by Mr. and Mrs. Meeker.**

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Meeker entertain-
ed the stuffed club in a happy and
unique manner Wednesday evening, at
their residence, corner of Cherry and
Sheldon streets. The club plays pedro,
and as the members grow older each
woman was greeted with a gentle
thump from a stuffed club. Being en-
tirely unsuspecting it was very funny.
After an evening spent at the fascinating
game, a delicious spread was served
from a table literally aglow with pretty
pink furnishings. A mirror, outlined
in pink carnations and myrtle, graced
the center of the table. The napkins
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served. Miss Comstock and Mr. Frank
Godfrey assisted in serving and enter-
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cluded the evening's pleasure with a
little dance. Mr. and Mrs. Bert
Launder of East Bridge street, will entertain
the company next Wednesday and
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